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Recruitment of clerks for the Commercial Taxes department.

* 251 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure adopted by the Government in recruiting candidates to clerks' posts in the Commercial Taxes department from the Revenue and Registration departments; and

(*b*) the number of persons so far recruited from the Revenue and Registration departments and by direct recruitment?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Recruitment of lower division clerks in the Commercial Taxes Department is through the Madras Public Service Commission which prepares approved lists for each departmental unit; and recruitment to the upper division in the Commercial Taxes Department is by promotion from the lower division. The number of persons so far directly recruited by the Madras Public Service Commission to the posts of lower division clerks in the Commercial Taxes Department is five."

Number of Communist prisoners in Central Jail, Cannanore.

* 252 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state how many Communist prisoners are undergoing imprisonment in the Central Jail, Cannanore? 11-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" There are 3 prisoners convicted under the ordinary penal law (viz.) the Indian Penal Code, who are reported to be members of the Communist party, now undergoing imprisonment in the Central Jail, Cannanore."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" സർ, മാറിയ പരിതഃസ്ഥിതിയുടെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ ഈ രാഷ്ട്രീയ തടവുകാരെ ഉടനെതന്നെ വിടും എന്നു മന്ത്രി എത്രയോ പ്രാവശ്യം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടും ഇതേവരെയും വിട്ടയക്കാത്തതിനാൽ, ഈ രാഷ്ട്രീയ തടവുകാരെ ഉടനെതന്നെ വിട്ടയക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് ഒരുങ്ങുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" These people have been convicted on grave charges and as such, we could not reduce or commute their sentences and release them."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the authorities should ascertain the political affiliation of prisoners usually? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No, Sir."

SRI L. C. PAIS :—" May I know how many prisoners have been given amnesty? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Very many, Sir. Very recently a month or two ago, eight prisoners were released."